

**LITTLE TRAVERSE BAY BANDS OF ODAWA INDIANS  
NATURAL RESOURCE COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING  
October 10, 2007**

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Commissioner, John Keshick III.

Roll Call:

Commission: Commissioner, John Keshick III; Vice-Chair/Secretary, Debra Browne; Treasurer, Daugherty Johnson III; and Associate Commissioner, Phil Harmon.

Commission Absent: 1 vacant position.

NRD Staff: NRD Director, Doug Craven; Conservation Officer, Roger Willis; Great Lakes Fisheries Biologist, Stephen Lenart; Wildlife Biologist, Archie Kiogima; and Inland Fisheries Biologist, Bill Parsons and Administrative Assistant, Fiona Banfield.

Guest: Bill Denemy

Public Comment: Opened at 6:07 p.m. and closed at 6:10 p.m.

NRC reviewed the agenda.

6:12 p.m. John Keshick II arrives

**Motion made by Treasurer, Daugherty Johnson III to adopt the agenda as amended, Associate Commissioner, Phil Harmon supports.**

**4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant**

**Motion Carried**

6:15 p.m. Chief Conservation Officer, Kevin Willis arrives.

NRC reviewed the Minutes of September 26, 2007.

**Motion made by Treasurer, Daugherty Johnson III to adopt the Minutes of August 22, 2007 into the record with corrections, Associate Commissioner, Phil Harmon supports.**

**4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant**

**Motion Carried**

Natural Resource Director's Report: NRD Director, Doug Craven

- Bell's Dock update, at end of permit process; occupancy and dredging concerns from DEQ. Comments received from MDR Parks were addressed. Received call that the permits are going to be denied because of the issues with the MDR Parks.

At this point it is suggested that LTBB withdraw request for permits until the issue with MDR is resolved.

- Bay Harbor – funds from the BIA for litigation, interviewed proposals and chose 8% of water leaving 92% of the water not being cleaned.
- Set date in December for membership meeting to disclose the new Rules & Regulations with membership. When will the Rules & Regulations take effect after the signing of the Consent Decree.
- Special Permits would not be allowed for baiting; should be a regulation change not special permitting. Chairman does have the authority to approve an interim regulation implement the change before the 30 days.
- Working on the Budget for 2009 for NRD.

**Motion made by Treasurer, Daugherty Johnson III to accept the NRD Directors verbal Report as presented by NRD Director, Doug Craven, Vice-Chairperson, Debra Browne supports.**

**4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant**

**Motion Carried**

Discussion was held on Inland Consent Decree and effective date when the Judge signs the Consent Decree.

Discussion was held on Bell's Dock update and the issues with the MDR and DEQ as presented by Doug Craven.

**Motion made by Associate Commissioner, Phil Harmon to amend Section 5.02 to read; It shall be unlawful to use salt or bait to hunt deer without a Special Use Permit shall be limited to two (2) gallons dispersed over a one-hundred (100) square foot radius; for the 2007 Big Game Deer Season on Reservation, Vice-Chair, Debra Browne supports.**

**4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant**

**Motion Carried**

Conservation Law Enforcement Report: LTBB Chief Conservation Officer, Kevin Willis

- Bear River – took out no snagging provision a couple years ago to keep foul hooked fish, spearing and cleaning fish on site with the remains settling down river on the bank.
- No concerns from the Medusa Creek this year.
- Law Enforcement meeting familiarization for the Consent Decree Enforcement – how the MDNR is allowed to enforce the Decree. Discussion was held from the ground up starting with explanation of what is a Treaty for those who were unaware of what a Treaty was. 3 meetings to be held today's meeting was held in Roscommon Ram's Center and 2 upcoming meetings to be held in Lansing and Marquette. Private Land rights during State Seasons were discussed, would citation proceedings be brought to Tribal or State Court. Assistance by a non-tribal member is illegal unless a family member. Subsistence, ceremonial permits were well accepted at the meeting.

- Complaint was received regarding discharging firearms during non-season is there any tribal regulations in the hunting codes.

**Motion made by Associate Commissioner, Phil Harmon to accept the Conservation Law Enforcement verbal Report as presented by Chief Conservation Officer, Kevin Willis , Treasurer, Daugherty Johnson III supports.**

**4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant**

**Motion Carried**

Great Lakes Biologist Report: Stephen Lenart, Great Lakes Fisheries Biologist

- Worked on whitefish models for last 6 weeks
- Grant program for commercial gear is it still going to be available next year?
- CORA meeting to be held October 25, 2007 in Petoskey, MI.

**Motion made by Associate Commissioner, Phil Harmon to accept the Great Lakes Biologist verbal report as presented by Great Lakes Fisheries Biologist, Stephen Lenart, Vice-Chair, Debra Browne supports.**

**4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant**

**Motion Carried**

Inland Biologist Report: Archie Kiogima, Wildlife Biologist and Bill Parsons, Inland Fisheries Biologist

- Working on Reports
- Electro Fishing completed on Long Lake yielded 199 Walleye, and Paradise Lake yielded 26 Walleye
- Wycamp meeting to be held on October 17, 2007 at the LTBB Governmental Center.

**Motion made by Treasurer, Daugherty Johnson III to accept the Inland Biologist verbal report as presented by Archie Kiogima, Wildlife Biologist and Bill Parsons, Inland Fisheries Biologist, Vice-Chair, Debra Browne supports.**

**4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant**

**Motion Carried**

8:08 p.m. Bill Denemy departs meeting.

8:08 p.m. break

8:18 p.m. meeting resumes

**FYI: Wycamp meeting October 17, 2007 held at the LTBB Government Center  
CORA meeting October 25, 2007 in Petoskey**

Public Comment opens at 9:40 p.m. closed at 9:42 p.m.

**Motion made by Associate Commissioner, Phil Harmon to adjourn at 9:43 p.m. Vice-Chair, Debra Browne supports.**

**4 Yes 0 No 0 Absent 0 Abstained 1 Vacant**

**Motion Carried**

Next scheduled meeting October 24, 2007.

Approved:

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**Debra S. Browne, Vice-Chair/Secretary**

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**Date**